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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Review of Nuclear Energy  
Targets in China

1. In response to your instruction, COMOR has examined what targets in Communist China might be associated with nuclear energy activities over and above those which are already being programmed for U-2 coverage in the forecast of IDEALIST/TACKLE overflight activities for February.

2. COMOR has recommended that the approved TACKLE flights should be so planned that they cover, insofar as possible and without detriment to the priority targets, the other targets noted on the attached map. COMOR does not believe these are sufficiently suspect of nuclear association to warrant missions designed with them as the primary targets. The additional targets are, on the basis on available information and research, those targets which are even marginally nuclear energy associated. (The attachments are explanatory of the selection of targets.)

3. We presently have underway a research project which will take the form of a map showing useable coverage of China by U-2 and satellite since January 1962. Meanwhile selected search areas continue to be programmed for satellite coverage. COMOR will continue to examine all newly acquired photography and collateral in order to recommend new targets whenever warranted.

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